

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus wrote to Governor Bob Riley requesting that Jefferson County be included in the disaster declaration resulting from the storms that occurred in Alabama on Thursday.

In the aftermath of the deadly storms that struck on Thursday Congressman Spencer Bachus, R-Vestavia Hills, toured the Jefferson County City of Adamsville. While there was no loss of life in Adamsville, Bachus said the area of destruction caused by an F1 tornado was nearly one mile in length and about 400 yards at its widest point.

"While I am very grateful that there was no loss of life in Adamsville, the damage I witnessed was severe

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I am asking Governor Riley and the State of Alabama to pursue all opportunities for disaster assistance in Jefferson County
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On Friday, The State of Alabama sent

President Bush an Expedited Request for a Major Disaster Declaration in Coffee, Dallas, Henry, Lowndes, and Wilcox Counties.

Bachus also praised Governor Bob Riley and the State of Alabama for the reputation the State has earned with officials in Washington.

Bachus said, "When I contacted FEMA to inquire about the status of the state request for assistance, they answered that Alabama is the nation's 'Gold Standard' when it comes to emergency response."

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